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**Thilo D. Best** (M.R.E. '92) was recently recognized by Ernst & Young as the Florida Entrepreneur of the Year for 2007 in health services. Best is chairman and CEO of Horizon Bay Senior Communities based in Tampa, Fla.

**Thomas E. Bowen** (J.D. '97) was recently named director of U.S. transaction taxes for Hewlett-Packard. Bowen was previously a shareholder with Bennett Thrasher PC, an Atlanta-based certified public accounting firm, and served as director of Bennett Thrasher's state and local tax practice.

**Kevin Campbell** (B.B.A. '99) owns and operates an insurance and financial services agency in Houston.

**Randall N. Lee** (Ed.S. '92, M.Ed. '76) retired from the DeKalb County School System in July. He served as a teacher, coach, high school principal and central office administrator for 35 years. Lee is now a program specialist with the Georgia Department of Education.

**\*Nathaniel C. O'Connell** (B.A. '93) is associate counsel for compliance and regulatory affairs at Harvard Management Co. (HMC), the investment manager for Harvard University's endowment, pension funds and working capital.

**\*Chanda Roberts White** (B.S.W. '92) was elected to be a member-at-large on the National Association of Social Workers Board of Directors. White will serve a three-year term on the board. She is employed with DeKalb County Schools in the Parent Resource Center.

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BY LEAH HARRIS

It isn't anything like the classroom, but Aisha Saeed (J.D. '07) still remembers her second grade students as she fights for the rights of Georgia's children.

The south Florida native recently became the first College of Law graduate to be named a recipient of a

prestigious Equal Justice Works Fellowship. The fellowship was created in 1992 to address the shortage of attorneys working on behalf of traditionally underserved populations and causes in the United States.

"I always wanted to go to law school, but I also loved teaching," says Saeed, who was one of only 50 recipients named nationally for the fellowship. "I noticed so many problems in the schools, but as a teacher there was only so much that I could do. I hoped by going to law school I would have a little bit more ability to effect change."

Saeed, 28, completed an externship at the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) before taking a credit-granting course at Georgia State's free in-house legal clinic that is designed to help low-income children overcome socio-economic barriers to better health.

"As a teacher, I worked with kids who had chronic illnesses, and I remembered those experiences when I started working at the HeLP," Saeed says. "I started realizing that my students were suffering just like the children I was meeting at the clinic."

The fellowship has enabled Saeed to continue working with HeLP clients. Specifically, her goals are to provide legal representation to underprivileged chronically ill children; to educate the clients and their parents as well as educators, health care providers and the public on relevant issues; and to improve school conditions for chronically ill children by working with school districts to design better policies.

Saeed's fellowship project, which began in September and runs through 2009, is being sponsored by the national labor and employment law firm Ford & Harrison LLP. The two-year fellowship offers salary and loan repayment assistance, a national training and leadership development program, and other forms of support during the term of the fellowship.

"The great thing about this fellowship is that it will hopefully open a lot of doors for me," Saeed says. "I hope to continue working as a public interest lawyer and working with children. Being able to apply and get this fellowship is incredible because I feel like I was meant to do this and that all the things in my life have led up to this."

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